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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINGSTON 2933

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, PINS, JM
SUBJECT: STATE OF EMERGENCY ENDS

REFERENCE: KINGSTON 2788

1. THE STATE OF EMERGENCY (SOE), IMPOSED ON JUNE 19, 1976,
ENDED AT MIDNIGHT JUNE 5/6, 1977. THE WITHDRAWAL
OF THE SOE CAME 23 DAYS BEFORE IT WOULD HAVE EXPIRED.

2. THE SOE WAS IMPOSED IN JUNE, 1976 IN RESPONSE TO A
WORSENING INTERNAL SECURITY SITUATION. DURING THE COURSE OF ITS
LIFE, THE SOE ENABLED THE GOVERNMENT TO ARREST AT LEAST 593
PERSONS WITHOUT BEING FETTERED BY THE SAFEGUARDS CONTAINED IN THE
CONSTITUTION AND LAW OF JAMAICA. IN SOME CASES, THERE WAS
SYMPATHY FOR THE GOVERNMENT'S EXERCISE OF ITS EXTRAORDINARY
POWERS, GIVEN THE TENUOUS SECURITY SITUATION, BUT THE
FAILURE TO SHOW CAUSE FOR THE DETENTION OF NUMEROUS
INDIVIDUALS -- AND MOST PARTICULARLY THOSE BELONGING
TO THE OPPOSITION JAMAICA LABOUR PARTY -- CREATED THE
UNEASY SUSPICION THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE SOE WENT
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BEYOND THE MERE PRESERVATION OF ORDER.

3. IN ANNOUNCING THE END OF THE SOE, THE GOVERNMENT
REVEALED ITS CONTINUING CONCERN WITH LAW AND ORDER
IN JAMAICA. IT USED THE OPPORTUNITY OF THE ANNOUNCE-
MENT TO REMIND JAMAICAS THAT THE SUPPRESSION OF CRIMES
ACT, 1974 REMAINS IN EFFECT AND THAT THIS ACT CONFERS

ON THE SECURITY FORCES WIDE POWERS OF SEARCH AND
ARREST WITHOUT WARRANT, AND PERMITS THE IMPOSITION
OF CURFEWS, ROADBLOCKS, CORDONS AND SEARCHES. HOW-
EVER, HABEAS CORPUS HAS GAINED A NEW LEASE OF LIFE.
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